1359. *[Transferred to* 11th *March,* 1993].

Agriculture Development Project in Assam

1360. SHRI TARA CHARAN MA JUMDAR: Will the Minister of AGRI CULTURE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that the Agriculure Development Project in Assam would be posed for world Bank assistance; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) Assam Agricultural Development Project with World Bank assistance is at formulation stage. Certain ipre-project studies are in progress for developing Agricultural Strategy Paper and. identification of investment proposals. Project formulation final detailing and appraisal, negotiation with the World Bank would take one year approximately.

Arahar Crop in Karnataka

1361. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Arahar (Tur) is grown extensively in Karnataka and in Gulbarga District alone and the area under Arahar crop is more than 2,36,000 hectares;

(b) whether Government are also aware that during the last Arahar harvest season, the Arahar growers suffered more than 60 per cent in estimated yield due to severe pest attack (POD) Borer;

(c) whether Government would come to the rescue of the Arahar growers at least to recover the cost of inputs by a one-time grant of Rs. 6.00 crores to save them from the clues of money landers/financial institutions; and

(d) whether Government would also consider establishment of as long term preventive measure, a regional testing and reseaich laboratory at Gulfcmrga to afford protection to plants, under ICAR?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM;- (a), As per information obtained iron Director of Agriculture Karnataka the likely coverage under Arahar in the current year for the State is 4.49 lakh hectares of which an area of 2.35 lakh hectares' is in Gulbarga District.

(b) Yes Sir. As per information given by Director of Agriculture, Karnataka, loss to the extent of 60 per cent of the crop yield is appre hended due to pest attack.

(c) There is such proposal with Government of India.

(d) There is no proposal at present with the ICAR to consider the esta blishment of a Regional teaching and research laboratory at Gulbargia to afford protection to plants.

कृषि उत्पादो के लिए कृषकों को राजसहायता

1362 श्री अजीत जोगी :
श्री छोटूभाई पटेल :

क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या विभिन्न कृषि-उत्पादों पर सरकार द्वारा दी जा रही राज सहायता से कृषकों को होने वाले वास्तिविक लाभ का मूल्यांकन करने हेतु सरकार ने कोई अध्ययन कराया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) कृषकों को अधिकतम लाभ मिलना सुनिश्चित करने हेतु क्या कदम उठाये गये हैं ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेतम) : (क) कृषि के विकास पर सब्सीडी के प्रभाव का देश के विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में अध्ययन किया गया है। अध्ययन में अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ परिसम्पत्ति निर्माण, आय सृजन, रोजगार सृजन, फसल-प्रतिभान, उत्पादन प्रतिभान और नई प्रौद्योगिकी के अंगीकरण पर सब्सीडी से होने वाले प्रभाव को जांच की गयी।

(ख) इस अध्ययन से मोटे तौर पर यह निष्कर्ष निकलता है कि सब्सीडी वृद्धि से सभी प्रकार के कृषि विकास पर, विशेष तौर से उत्पादन तथा उत्पादकता में वृद्धि की फसल उत्पादन की तीव्रता रोजगार सृजन, आय सृजन और नयी प्रौद्योगिकी के अंगीकरण की दृष्टि से सकारात्मक प्रभाव पड़ा है।

(ग) सरकार के लिये किसानों का हित सर्वप्रथम बात है। यह इसी बात पर आधारित है कि वर्षोपरान्त प्रमुख कृषि जिन्सों के न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य में वृद्धि कर दी गयी है। निर्धारित किये गये न्यूनतम समर्थन मूल्य में न केवल उत्पादन लागत शामिल की गयी है, बल्कि उत्पादकों को उत्पादन एवं उत्पादकता वृद्धि करने हेतु प्रोत्साहन देने के लिये समुचित लाभांश को भी शामिल किया गया है।

Procurement of Milk by D.M S.

1363. SHRI SHD7 PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Milk Scheme have decided to procure milk from private suppliers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons theroef?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVTND NETAM). (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Delhi Milk Scheme (DMS) is at present procuring upto 50 per cent of its requirement of fresh milk from private contractors.

Similarly upto 50 per cent of its requirement is procured from State Cooperative Federations of Punjab, Rajasthan, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh and local Cooperative Societies of Delhi. Private contractors were introduced in the system of procurement of milk by DMS to broadbase sources of procurement as the State Cooperative Dairy Federations were not supplying the committed quantity and local cooperative societies suddenly stopped supplies and demanded higher price.

Market intervention in Edible Oils

1384. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any requests to abondon the mechanism of market intervention in edible oils;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in thisi regard;

(c) whether it is a fact that the present mechanism of market intervention is likely to continue; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) No, Sir .

(b) The question does not arise.